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**Assignee:** Concorde Microsystems, Inc.  
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**Docket Number:** 26053.00  
**Examiner:** Michael C. Wimer  
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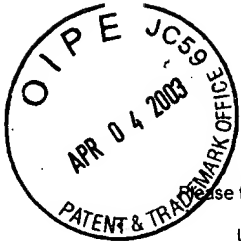
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